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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 307**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chavez**

February 9, 2005

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An act to amend Section 51871.5 of the Education Code, relating to education technology.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 307, as amended, Chavez. Education technology: grants: requirements.

Existing law requires the State Department of Education to administer the California Technology Assistance Project to provide a regionalized network of technical assistance to schools and school districts on the implementation of education technology. Existing law requires the department to administer provisions governing education technology and authorizes school districts, county offices of education, and state special schools to apply to the State Board of Education to participate in grant programs related to education technology. Existing law requires a school district to have a current ~~3-~~~~to 5-year~~ *3-to-5 year* education technology plan as a precondition to receiving a technology grant administered by the department, unless this requirement is waived by the board.

This bill would require the education technology plan to include a component to educate pupils and teachers on ethical behavior ~~in~~ *regards to regarding* the use of information technology, the concept,

purpose, and significance of a copyright *so that pupils can distinguish between lawful and unlawful online downloading*, and the implications of illegal peer-to-peer network file sharing. The bill would ~~except~~ *exempt* a school district that, on January 1, 2007, has a ~~3- to 5-year~~ *3-to-5 year* education technology plan from compliance with this requirement until that plan expires, at which time the school district would be subject to the requirement.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 51871.5 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 51871.5. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that education  
4 technology planning be accomplished in the most comprehensive  
5 manner possible. To that end, the current practice of developing  
6 education technology plans for each funding program should be  
7 replaced with a comprehensive local planning process that will  
8 enable school districts to apply for grants on an ongoing basis  
9 and assist in utilizing available education technology programs.  
10 (b) On or after January 1, 2005, as a precondition to receiving  
11 a technology grant administered by the department, a school  
12 district shall have a current three- to five-year education  
13 technology plan. The state board may waive this requirement if it  
14 determines that the applicant school district made a good faith  
15 effort to develop a plan, but for reasons beyond its control, the  
16 district cannot develop the plan before receipt of the technology  
17 grant.  
18 (c) The education technology plan required pursuant to  
19 subdivision (b) shall include a component to educate pupils and  
20 teachers on ethical behavior ~~in regards to~~ *regarding* the use of  
21 information technology, the concept, purpose, and significance of  
22 a copyright *so that pupils are equipped with the skills necessary*  
23 *to distinguish lawful from unlawful online downloading*, and the  
24 implications of illegal peer-to-peer network file sharing.  
25 A school district that, on January 1, 2007, has a current three-  
26 to five-year education technology plan that complies with  
27 subdivision (b) is not required to comply with this subdivision  
28 until after the plan expires.

1 (d) On or after January 1, 2005, the Superintendent shall  
2 ensure that each school district has access to technical assistance  
3 and an approved online technology plan builder that the  
4 department determines is in compliance with state and federal  
5 requirements.

6 (e) The department shall maintain a record of school districts  
7 that have a three- to five-year education technology plan and  
8 shall make that information available to interested public  
9 agencies.

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